

### **REMARKS**

As indicated in the Office Action, this application is in condition for allowance except for the surrender of the original patent.

Applicant acknowledges that in prior Responses, Applicant made the statement of "The Assignee will surrender the original patent, or submit a declaration as to the loss or inaccessibility of the original patent, after the Examiner allows all of the claims." However, this statement was made in error.

In the Response to Office Action filed on September 26, 2001, Applicants submitted the original patent. Enclosed is a copy of that Response, as well as the returned stamped postcard, showing that the PTO received our Response and the original patent.

### **CONCLUSION**

Because Applicants previously submitted the original patent, Applicants believe that this application is in condition for allowance, and that action is respectfully requested.

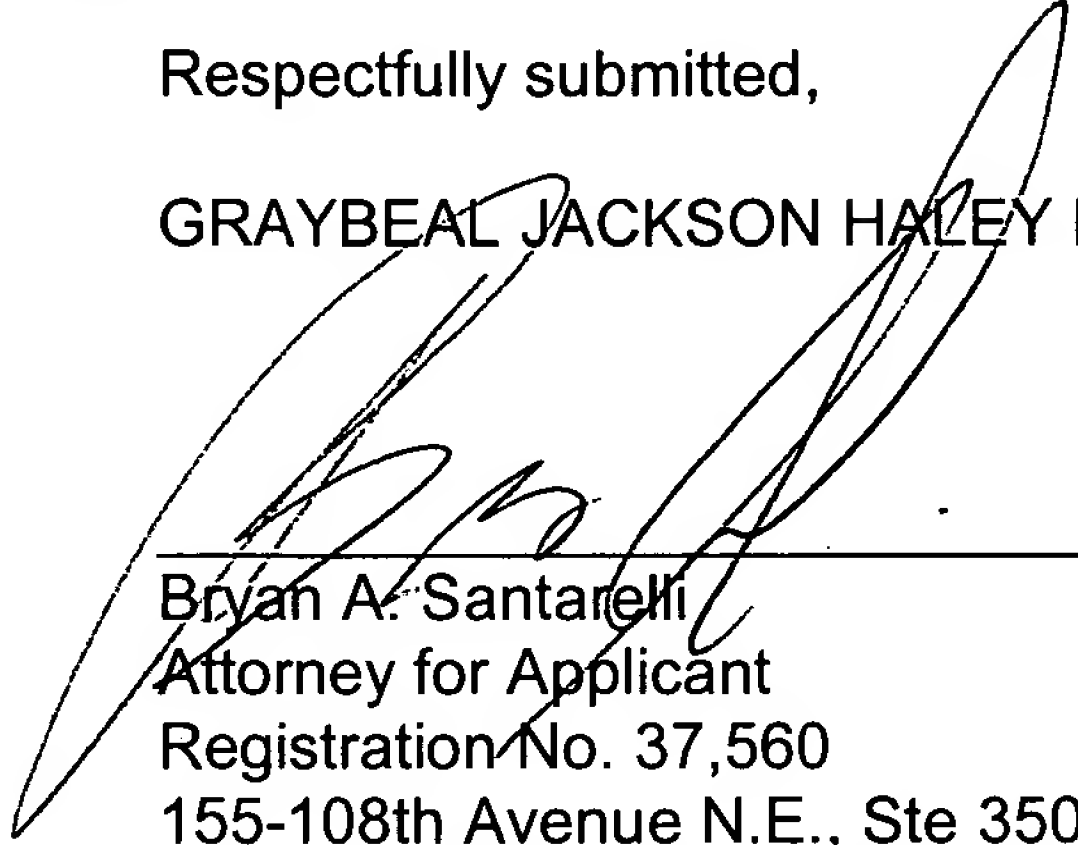
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If the Examiner believes that a phone interview would be helpful, he is respectfully requested to contact the Applicants' attorney, Bryan Santarelli, at (425) 455-5575.

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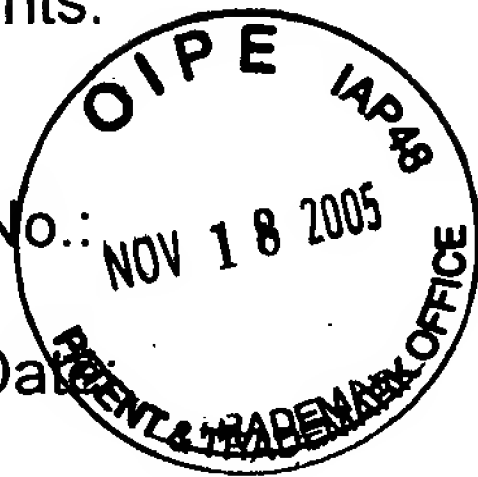
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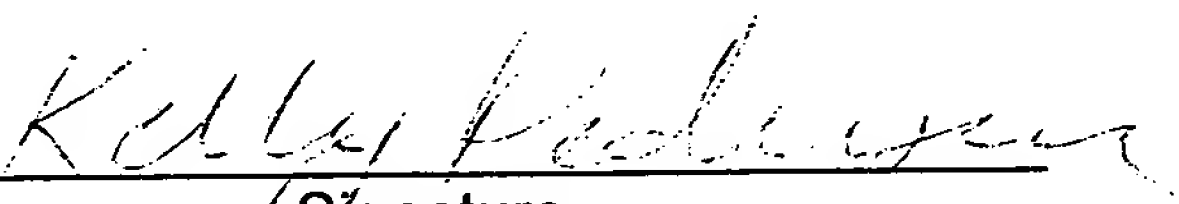
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

September 26, 2001

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the most recent Office Action in this case mailed July 26, 2001, the Applicants, acting through their attorney, submit the original Letters Patent No. 5,710,461.

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